



Crime Watch News

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COMMUNITY CRIME PREVENTION MEETING

SEXUAL ASSAULT/DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS

Wednesday, April 20, 2005 at 7:00 p.m.

Long Beach Water Department
1800 East Wardlow Road

Sex Crimes Detective Craig Newland and Domestic Violence Detective Nancy Rivera will be visiting us once again! They've been in their respective details for many years, have investigated several different types of cases and should have some good information to share.

Come out and join us! Our presentations are open to everyone in the community. Bring your friends and neighbors!

UPCOMING EVENTS/VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

- ◆ Monday, April 11, 2005, 6:00 p.m. — 8:00 p.m.
Building Corporate Partnerships with your Neighborhood and Community
Neighborhood Resource Center, 425 Atlantic Avenue
For further information, contact Margaret Madden: (562) 570-1010
- ◆ Friday, April 15, 2005, 9:00 p.m. — 12:00 midnight
Calling All Men for A MILE OF MEN 5. An event to promote the de-escalation of violence
Pacific Coast Highway and Santa Fe Avenue
Register: Westside Baptist Church 1490 W. 23rd St., between 6:00 p.m. & 9:00 p.m.
- ◆ Thursday, April 28, 2005 5:00 p.m. — 9:00 p.m.
Special Olympics "Tip-a-Cop," Sponsored by The Claim Jumper Restaurant
6501 E. Pacific Coast Highway, Long Beach (The Marketplace)
Come out and enjoy a nice dinner served by Long Beach's Finest! All "Tip" proceeds go to the L.B. Area Special Olympics. For further information contact Cpl Erickson (562) 570-7448
- ◆ Saturday, May 7, 2005, 10:00 a.m. — 3:00 p.m.
Long Beach K-9 Officers Association Fundraiser Car Show
POA Park next to the Long Beach Police Academy
For further information, contact Vince: (562) 432-0901
- ◆ Tuesday, May 17, 2005, 11:15 a.m.
37th Annual Police Awards Luncheon
Long Beach Convention and Entertainment Center (See page 3)



BOMB SNIFFING K-9s



Two Long Beach Police Department K-9 Handlers, Officer Ernie Wolosewicz and Officer Ed Bonachea have made Department history with the addition of their new furry crime fighting partners, Truda and Jester. The Dutch Shepherd bomb-detecting dogs are the most recent arrivals among the Department's K-9 Unit, marking a first for the Police Department and adding yet another weapon in the war at home against terrorism.

Truda, Polish for "Warrior Woman" and her partner, Officer Wolosewicz have been together for about eight months and have completed the seven-week course for detecting six different scents found in commonly used explosives. Jester and her partner, Officer Bonachea have also finished their training.

Both K-9s have highly sensitive olfactory systems allowing them to smell small amounts of chemical compounds related to explosive odors. On a recent training day, Truda found a small cotton pad saturated with the scent of nitrates which was hidden in a wooden wall at the Police Academy. It only took the K-9 about two seconds to find the item!



The Police Department purchased the two K-9's through Federal Homeland Security grants along with the two new Armored S.W.A.T. Vehicles pictured above.



AIRLINE TRAVEL TIPS

LOOK AND LISTEN — BE SMART — BE VIGILANT

The Summer months are right around the corner and we know many of you have been busy making those summer vacation flight plans. We

care about your safety, even when you're away from Long Beach, so we've done some homework for you.

We visited the United States Transportation Security Administration website at <http://www.tsa.gov/public/> and recommend you do too. They've put together a useful list that's worth reading before going to the airport.



Here are some general guidelines to ensure that your travel is safe, secure and efficient:

- ♦ Be aware of suspicious activity in and around your immediate surroundings. Inform the proper authorities if you are concerned about an unattended item or suspicious activity in and around any facility. Do a visual check only and be ready to describe any suspicious device(s) you are reporting. DO NOT touch the object and/or use your cell phone within 50 feet of a suspicious device.
- ♦ Remember to control all carry-on bags and keep your items and tickets with you at all times. Medicines, cash, jewelry, business papers and valuables should be packed in carry-on bags.
- ♦ Never leave anything unattended as it could be subjected to tampering or theft.
- ♦ Never carry anything for another person, especially for someone you do not know.
- ♦ Be extra careful if you work on your laptop. Working takes your attention away from your surroundings. Remove laptop computer from your carry-on luggage prior to placing bag on x-ray machine.

In response to a provision in *The Intelligence Reform and Terrorism Prevention Act of 2004*, the Transportation Security Administration has added all *lighters* to its *Prohibited Items List* – which means they are

now prohibited past the security checkpoints at the nation's airports. The ban is effective immediately, but the Transportation Security Administration will not begin enforcement action until Thursday, April 14, 2005. On that date, lighters will be treated as any other prohibited item and passengers will need to surrender them to the TSA.



Cigarette Lighters No Longer Allowed



Chief's Neighborhood Watch Advisory Group 2005 GOLD SHIELD AWARD RECIPIENTS

Block Captain Edelma D'Trinidad 3800 Block of Marron Avenue

Ms. Edelma D'Trinidad first started to organize a Neighborhood Watch group in July 2003 at the 3700 Block of Myrtle Avenue. They completed their fourth core meeting in October of that year. She then moved a few blocks over to the 3800 block of Marron Avenue where she wasted no time in getting her neighbors motivated there as well. This new group has participated in three core meetings with Emergency Communications scheduled soon. Thanks Mrs. D'Trinidad! Now there are two Neighborhood Watch groups in your area!

Block Captain Henry Brunner 1500 Block of Lincoln Street

Mr. Henry Brunner has been involved with the Neighborhood Watch program for many years. This coming May will mark the 15th year anniversary for his group, which started in 1990. Henry involves his neighbors on his block by holding quarterly meetings, which are usually pot-luck dinners, and are very well attended. In addition, Mr. Brunner volunteers with the Salvation Army and is a member of the Mayor's Senior Citizen's Advisory Commission. Thanks Mr. Brunner for your energy and determination to make your neighborhood a safer place to work and live!

Block Captain Jeff Allen 2600 Block of East 56th Street

Mr. Jeff Allen started his Neighborhood Watch Group in June of 2004 for the 5600 block of Paramount Boulevard. This block encompasses the Southwood Garden Apartment complex where he is an on-site/live-in manager. His complex and the surrounding complexes have had their share of criminal activity, but Mr. Allen has taken the problems to task. He meets on a monthly basis with the surrounding apartment managers, the two private security companies who patrol the area, and the Long Beach Police Department. In addition, he is an active participant in the Apartment Watch program. Thanks Mr. Allen for your hard work and valuable contributions to our community!

6700 Block of Gardena Avenue Block Captains: Anne and Maurice Greeson Neighbors: Calvena and Richard Sisk

The 6700 Block of Gardena Avenue Neighborhood Watch Group began their core meetings in January 2004 with completion in May 2004. The Group continues to meet on a quarterly basis and is led by Block Captain Anne Greeson and her husband Maurice. During the past 14 months, this Group has worked with the Southern California Edison Alley Lighting Program to obtain new lights along their alley, has cleared trash and abandoned vehicles from their alley, and have had two taggers arrested for grafitti. As a result, they no longer have to paint out grafitti on a weekly basis and have a safe and tidy alley. Members of this group also called to report illegal narcotic activities which led to a search warrant and several arrests at a nearby residence.

Their involvement and successes were also highlighted in the February "Crime Watch Newsletter Neighborhood Watch Success Stories!" Thanks Anne, Maurice, Calvena and Richard. Keep up the good work!

700 Block of Via Wanda—Carmelitos Housing Block Captain: Maria Elena Moriela

For years, the Carmelitos family side has recognized a need for Neighborhood Watch. The Tenant's Association, of which Block Captain Maria Elena Moreira is involved, organized this Neighborhood Watch Group in September 2004. The Group completed their core meetings in December and have continued to meet on a regular basis to work with the Police Department regarding crime related issues affecting their community.

This dedicated group continues to be enthusiastic about doing their part to make their neighborhood a better place to live for themselves and their children. The Carmelitos neighborhood can be rough and intimidating, but they still actively stand fast to promote a safer living environment. Thank you Maria Elena Moriela for your enduring efforts and active involvement!

37TH ANNUAL AWARDS LUNCHEON



On Tuesday,
May 17, 2005,
the 37th Annual
Police Awards Luncheon
will be held at the Long
Beach Convention and Entertainment Center,
300 East Ocean Boulevard,
Long Beach.

There will be a reception at
11:15 a.m., followed by
lunch and the awards
program at 12:00 noon.

This luncheon publicly honors those brave citizens and police employees who have distinguished themselves by aiding their fellow men and women, often at great risk to their own personal safety.

**Seats are limited.
Please respond as soon
as possible!**

Tickets are available in the
Community
Relations Division,
333 W. Broadway, Suite 100,
Monday through Friday
8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

\$30 each
or
\$300 for a table of 10

Make your check payable to
the City of Long Beach.
For further information, call
the Community
Relations Division at
(562) 570-7215.



IS YOUR VEHICLE ON THE MOST WANTED LIST?

A NOT SO SUCCESSFUL NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH STORY

The Long Beach Police Department has noted a sizable increase in auto thefts in all areas of the city and we don't want you to become the next victim!



A total of 714 vehicles were reported stolen during the months of January and February, 2005, in comparison to 544 reported stolen during the same period in 2004. That's a shattering increase of 31% and we don't like it!

Of the 714 reported stolen vehicles, 356 were older model Toyota Camrys, Toyota Trucks, Toyota Corollas, Honda Civics and Honda Accords. (1980's and early 1990's models)



It appears as though many of the vehicles were stolen primarily for transportation, as many of them were recovered within a few days. However, some are being stolen for parts. Most of the thefts occurred between 7:00 p.m. and 3:00 a.m.

Residents are strongly encouraged to practice the following crime prevention tips:

- Never leave your keys in your vehicle
- Always keep your vehicle locked
- Remove all valuables, any personal items or papers & lock them in the trunk
- Invest in an anti-theft device (steering wheel lock, alarm, ignition kill switch)



Let's make this a Neighborhood Watch Success Story by catching some of these bad guys!

At the least, help us to help you, by scheduling a Neighborhood Watch meeting to educate your neighbors on Auto Theft and other related topics.

Contact Neighborhood Watch Coordinator, PSA Lisa Massacani at (562) 570-7229 to schedule your next meeting!



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